

will be for medically or behaviorally challenged dogs and cats with low adoption rates. This facility will be a huge step forward for those that are able to live out a full life, but without troublesome humans and their nitpicking rules as preconditions. So goes the dream of San Mateo County's Dr. Doolittle, the man who talks to our animals. I have long admired Ken White for his ingenuity and can-do spirit. The San Mateo community and I wish him well as he leaves his avid fans, of all breeds, behind. Undoubtedly there's a movie about Ken that will someday be released on Netflix: Ken White: Lifesaver, Tortoise Daddy and Snake Whisperer. Watch for it, streaming soon.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 2862, THE CAMPAIGN TO PREVENT SUICIDE ACT, AND H.R. 2981, THE SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2021

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of two pieces of legislation, H.R. 2862, the Campaign to Prevent Suicide Act, and H.R. 2981, the Suicide Prevention Lifeline Improvement Act of 2021—both of which make critical investments to support suicide prevention efforts nationwide.

Rising suicide rates across the country, and especially in my home state of Texas, represent a growing concern in our communities. According to the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health, Texas suicide rates have risen nearly 26 percent since 2000—and are the second leading cause of death for Texans aged 15 to 34. The cost of inaction on this issue is too high, and that is why I am encouraged that we are voting on these pieces of legislation today.

H.R. 2862, the Campaign to Prevent Suicide Act, will direct the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to carry out a national suicide prevention campaign. This campaign would include advocacy for an effort that I led last Congress, which would redesignate the National Suicide Prevention Hotline as a three-digit 9-8-8 number. This effort, which would shorten the previous 1-800 number, is an essential step towards simplifying access to critical resources for our constituents in their times of need.

H.R. 2981, the Suicide Prevention Lifeline Improvement Act of 2021, would further require HHS to develop a plan to ensure high-quality service through the National Suicide Prevention Hotline. Beyond a strategic plan, the bill would authorize additional funding for a network of local crisis centers that provide free support and assistance to those struggling with suicidal thoughts.

Madam Speaker, the passage of these two bills would have immediate and tremendous benefits—and could ultimately save lives. That is why I will support these bills, and why I urge their immediate consideration and passage in the Senate.

RECOGNIZING MR. JEFF HASTE UPON HIS RETIREMENT AS CHAIRMAN OF THE DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

HON. SCOTT PERRY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend, congratulate, and profusely thank Mr. Jeff Haste, upon the occasion of his retirement as Chairman of the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners.

Few public servants have been as effective and innovative as Jeff Haste. When he became the Chairman in 2003, he took bold steps to cut costs and put county government on a path to fiscal responsibility, and held the line on taxes for an unprecedented ten straight years.

A conservative and pragmatic leader, Jeff consistently sought ways to support private sector growth. He established the first-of-its-kind infrastructure and land bank, to fund critical local projects, fight blight, and stimulate economic growth. He also saved the Harrisburg Sports and Outdoor Show—a major economic and tourism driver for the region—by securing a new producer and making the show the most successful to date.

As a testament to his leadership and initiative as county commissioner, Jeff was named the Harrisburg Regional Chamber (CCAP)'s Government Leader of the Year in 2006 and 2011. He also was awarded the CCAP 2016 Outstanding Commissioner of the Year, the National Association of Counties 2014 Achievement Award in the category of community/economic development, the Pennsylvania Economic Development Association President's Award for the Dauphin County Infrastructure Bank, and the Harrisburg Riverboat Society 2013 Award for Distinguished Community Service, among myriad other accolades, commendations, and recognitions.

An avid outdoorsman and open space advocate, Jeff helped Dauphin County preserve almost 15,000 acres of farmland since 1992, under a program that began when he was chief clerk.

He also served as CCAP's 2014 president, representing all 67 counties in Pennsylvania, before becoming Chairman of the Board in 2015. He was Chairman of the Susquehanna Township Recreation Board in 2001, and served on the Township's zoning hearing board. In 2012, he was appointed to the Governor's Advisory Council for Hunting, Fishing, and Conservation.

Jeff, also active in the Boy Scouts, coaches youth soccer and baseball, and is involved with many other community and professional organizations. After graduating in 1977 from Lewistown Area High School, he attended Shippensburg University, and graduated in 1981 with a Bachelor's degree in Administration of Justice and Law Enforcement, while serving as class president all four years, and earning Dean's List honors. Jeff is a devoted husband to his wife, Maria, father of four, and grandfather of three.

Once again, on behalf of the Citizens of the 10th Congressional District, I'm honored to congratulate and sincerely thank Commissioner Jeff Haste for his tireless, dedicated,

and selfless service to the County of Dauphin, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the United States of America, and I wish him Godspeed on his future.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE TAYLOR, TEXAS ROTARY CLUB

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Madam Speaker, I'm proud to honor and celebrate the Taylor Rotary Club's century of extraordinary service. Founded on May 10, 1921 by twenty-five charter members, the Club has made lasting and monumental contributions toward making Central Texas a great place to call home.

Throughout their century of service, the Club has helped where help is needed—in their own communities and around the world—with unmatched integrity and energy. When the Taylor Rotary Club gets involved, problems get smaller and communities get better.

The Club has been instrumental in the creation of public parks, Taylor's first Boy Scout organization, and numerous philanthropic campaigns. Their continued participation in the Baylor Scott and White Blood Drive, Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry, Meals on Wheels, and numerous college and vocational scholarships to local students show the Taylor Rotary Club truly lives out its motto of "Service Above Self."

A century after its creation, the Taylor Rotary Club has touched countless lives for the better and continues to make positive impacts on those it's dedicated to serve. I celebrate 100 years of incredible civic involvement and join all Central Texas in wishing this great organization nothing but the best in the decades to come.

RECOGNIZING OFFICER ERIC TALLEY

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a hero who made the ultimate sacrifice for his community. On March 22, Officer Eric Talley courageously confronted a gunman in the Boulder King Soopers. By racing to the scene and not hesitating to directly confront the armed suspect, Officer Talley undoubtedly saved countless lives. His heroic actions and remarkable bravery stand as a stark reminder of the danger that law enforcement officers face every time they pin on their badge.

Good people like Officer Talley represent the best of America. He was deeply committed to his faith, his family, and his community. He saw a need in his community and felt so strongly that he could contribute to his community that he made a mid-career change to serve as a member of the Boulder Police Department. His deeply held convictions are admirable, and his sacrifice deserves commendations that our human institutions are unable to offer. Colorado will be forever grateful